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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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Sat	Informal at Cracker Barrel	6:00 AM	
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (West)	10:00 AM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
June 6	Builder's Group Club House	7 PM	
June 8	Board Meeting Club House	7 PM	
June 13	Linux -SIG Club House	7 PM	
June 20	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
June 27	Linux - SIG Club House	7 PM	
June 24	Field Day See web site		
For more events see <a href="http://www.n5bl.org/calendar">http://www.n5bl.org/calendar</a>			



More information at <http://swantenna.com>



## The WØRUG Trailer at the Bean Feed

## The Articles for This Month

### Bean Feed

The annual Bean Feed was held May6, 2017. On the next page, you can see a copy of the very impressive advertising poster that was created by N5TMT, Earl Drexler, the special events coordinator.

The Bean Feed started early and ended with license tests after noon. The attendance was from a wide area with hams arriving from three states and two countries. The street in front of the club house had two strings of cars parked on the edges and the parking lot at the side was filled. The lot by the front door had two lines of vehicles selling equipment with a third line starting. One of the reason that the date of the Bean Feed was changed to May was the hope that the weather would be better. That was certainly the case this year. The sun was shining brightly, but the air was not too hot.

As usual, food was a part of the gathering. Drinks and snacks were available at the start. The beans and the meat were cooked earlier and brought to the kitchen. There the food was kept hot until it was served.

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**STARTS  
MAY 6 2017  
@ 0800 AM**

**Test for your  
license at Bean Feed  
@ Noon**

*US 70 to Porter,  
South, past the Fire  
Station to Jefferson,  
East until the antennas  
FREE Parking in west  
lot and the streets.*

Annual Bean Feed is the gathering of HAMS, non Hams and other interested parties for exchange of ideas, show off equipment, sell and buy equipment. The club sponsors the Bean Feed to promote general Amateur Radio Operators and programs in the community. This is a unique group doing public service, experimentation and general fun with radios by making contact with other Hams in the community, the nation and around the world.



Lots of money and equipment were exchanged and lots of beans eaten. The club was able to sell quite a bit of the equipment which had been donated during the year. This income is a significant part of the total budget for the year. Even old electronics is useful because it is sold for scrap and hence recycled.

Shown here is KD5OHA selling raffle tickets. He is but one of the club members who put in much time to ensure that the Bean Feed was a success. More photographs are available on the N5BL web site under the Bean Feed heading.



## Antenna Party

The big club event for the month was an antenna measuring party, offering an activity which could help members prepare to Field Day. The announcement for this event is shown on the next page. I was held in one of the small city parks which are scattered about the city. In this case the park is just in front of the house of KE5EVR, which is fortunate because he has a lot of equipment and knows what he is doing.

# The Antenna Party

## @ Hess Terrace Mini Park.

Starting about 830 going until...

The park is off West Picacho, west of Alameda and East of the tennis courts. There is a mobile home at the street entrance to Hess Terrace Ct.. Do not block driveways and allow access for others.



What is an antenna party? Have you a radio? Bet you do and it has an antenna. How well does your antenna work? Don't Know!!! Well, we are meeting to check antenna and test our ability to set up antennas in response to emergencies. Let's step back a little.

We HAMs pride ourselves on the ability to assist in disasters and failure of "normal" for the good of others. To do this, we have to be flexible and then mobile. Many of us have a radio in the car and that is about as mobile as we get. For others, mountain topping is a thrill beyond. Still others go island hopping, stay in National Parks (NPOA), or even respond to disasters local and far away. Radios have become simple, conveniently smaller over the years. Batteries are lighter, smaller and more powerful than ever. What has not changed is the antenna. Still long, hard to set up and the workings remain a question. Read the trade magazines and you will find ideas a many. Some are short for mobile use, "Long is better" where ever you are, and ever continued ads for "my antenna is better than yours." HOW DO YOU KNOW?

Face it even a coat hanger in the antenna connection is better than nothing. But what really works? The Antenna Party is designed for you to bring ideas, your DIY or purchased antenna and an open mind to see how it works. Really the idea is to test deployment, operations and demobilization of antennas designed for disaster field operations. I have a few designs we are going to try. Practice assembly and tear down is going to be tested. General operations and tuning will be done at the same time. There will be test equipment covering all most all the bands we operate on and maybe others as well. Testing your idea or your antenna can be done. I hope to have some extra elements for those wanting to try building a simple antenna. Want to help out, come. Want to try an idea, come. What help with your project, Come. COME ON DOWN. HESS Terrace Park is a great grassy patch.



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## The Club Roster

The latest club roster is available. If you click on the following link, it will appear as a pdf file.

URL <http://mvrcMem201706.pdf>

It is recommended that you print it out and keep it handy at your operating position. It consists of two main parts. The first lists all club members in alphabetical order. The second part lists all club members by their call signs. The roster also contains other information such as class of license and some contact information. Print only the first four pages.

## Field Day

The next big event is Field Day which always the last full weekend in June. The N5BL effort will be discussed in the June club meeting (and the following board meeting.. People will be setting up the tailgates starting at about 7 AM and beans will be available about 10 AM.

## Monthly Club Meeting

### Monthly Board Meeting

11 May 2017 (Thursday)

Board Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club

**Meeting Location:** MVRC clubhouse

#### Officers and Board Members Present:

Sven Breden (President) *K5SHB*, Howard Brewington (Secretary) *KJ5NJ*, Furman Smith (Treasurer) *KF5KHL*, Alex Burr *K5XY*, Bob Bennett *AD5LJ*, Cash Olsen *KD5SSJ*, and Earl Drexler *N5TMT*.

**Visitors Present:** None

**Meeting called to order:** 7:13 p.m. by club president Sven Breden.

#### Business Discussion

- Alex Burr requested club-written articles for the Local Oscillator and recorded details about our bean feed event. And, he asked us to please report any mistakes or omissions in the Local Oscillator's content.
- Sven mentioned that George Kopp was out sick. Sven also said that he was very pleased with the smooth operation and outcome of our Bean Feed.
- Howard Brewington, club secretary, reported that we currently have 108 people on the club roster, but 16 have not paid for 2017. Those people have been notified by either email or snail mail. Howard made a motion that we buy more serving trays for

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the next year's bean feed. The motion passed, so Sven agreed to buy 10 more trays. Howard reported that four people were tested at the VE session after the bean feed; all passed. So, we have two new Techs, a General, and an Extra. Howard mentioned that we picked up a new member at the bean feed, viz., Bob Hardy. Howard reported that some people at the bean feed complained that we didn't have tortillas to go with our offerings of beans and green chile stew. Howard also reported that he'd assumed Perry Steinman's duties as VE liaison. When needed, he plans to offer testing after the monthly club meeting.

- Furman Smith passed out a profit and loss statement for the bean feed. He also reported that he was working on the MVRRC budget. Furman reported that some people at the bean feed complained that our radio room looked very messy.

Earl Drexler reminded everyone of the antenna party to test Field Day equipment on 20 May (Saturday) at 9:00 a.m. Field day was also mentioned as well as an idea for a family night gathering in the future. Contact Earl for Details

Cash Olsen, KD5SSJ, said that the Tuesday night's Builders Group was going well.

New member, Steve Barkes, KG5RRX, will do a presentation at the June meeting, and Howard Brewington KJ5NJ will present at the August meeting. There will be no club meeting or board meeting in July.

Bob Bennett said that he'd hauled off some leftover items of the bean feed to a scrap dealer. Bob also talked about switching the clubhouse from propane to natural gas.

**Board Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 pm

**Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary:** Howard J. Brewington

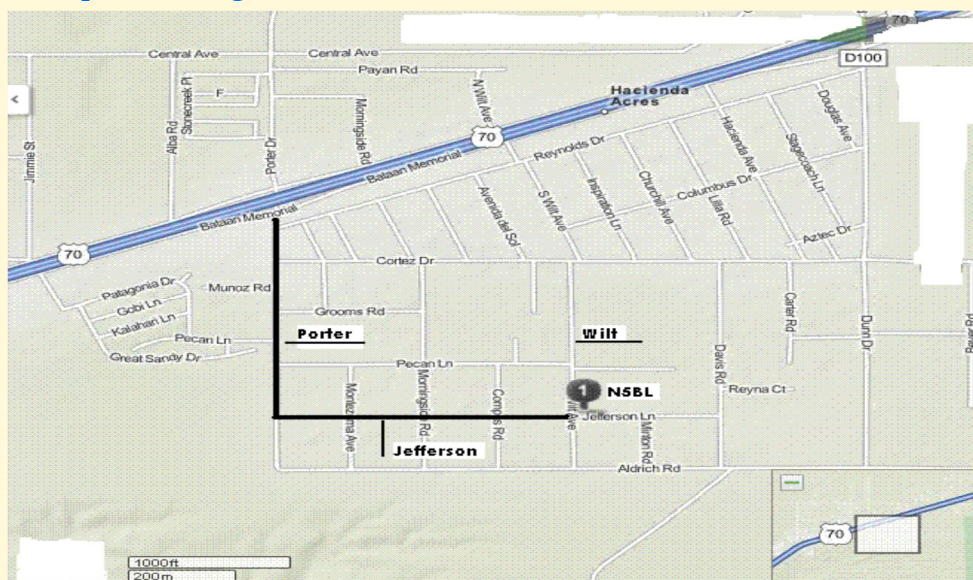
Board meetings are open to the entire membership; please feel free to join us.

## Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report is not available

## CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



### Officers

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club or renew your membership, please complete this form and print or cut out. Send it to **"Treasurer, MVRC, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004"** with annual dues (\$35 single, \$45 family)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of payment: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign(S) \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

License Class (E, A, G, T, N) \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a ARRL Volunteer Examiner (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector (email information system)? \_\_\_\_\_

### Interests

Computer \_\_\_\_\_ Contests \_\_\_\_\_ Digital \_\_\_\_\_ Elmer \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Communications \_\_\_\_\_

Field Day \_\_\_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Public Service \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ RFI \_\_\_\_\_

Repeater \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_ License Classes \_\_\_\_\_ Teach Licensing Classes \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ QRSS \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments